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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 263
By Windle

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Eddie Linder and the 1998-99 Livingston Academy girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA state championship.

WHEREAS, steeped in a long tradition of academic and athletic excellence, Livingston Academy is a great asset to their community and to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the excellent 1998-99 Livingston Academy girls' basketball team has won the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament, thus forever inscribing their name in the hallowed athletic records of our state; and

WHEREAS, their path to glory included an outstanding regular season and being runner-up in the tough Mid-State Sectional Tournament, with victories against rival Loretto 50-32 and Marshall County 36-35; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the historic State Tournament, held at the Murphy Center, on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University on March 9-13, 1999, the Wildcats easily defeated the Obion County Rebels, in a 58-39 battle; and

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WHEREAS, in second-round action, this tremendously talented team tamed the Brainerd Panthers 37-36; and

WHEREAS, in the title game, Livingston took revenge on the Jackson County Blue Devils, with a stunning 45-31 triumph over their Mid-State Sectional foe; and

WHEREAS, they compiled an enviable 33-6 overall record and a rare winning percentage of .846; and

WHEREAS, Coach Eddie Linder, their cherished mentor, is both highly regarded and respected; and

WHEREAS, the team leader was senior guard **Paige Smith**, a Miss Basketball runner-up, a three-year starter, who averaged 15.4 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game as the team captain. She is also a superb role model, and a National Honor Student, who will graduate in the top 5% of her class, with a 3.86 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, the fine supporting cast of teammates included **Kaci Norrod, Amanda Vaughn, Sharon Smith, Christy Hastings, Andrea Brown, Jennifer Ledbetter, Heather Walker, Amanda Jackson, Jenna Baltimore, Stephanie Sullivan, Renee Melton, Ashley Peeler, and Joie Puckett**; each of whom made a significant contribution to the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, the diligent managers were: **Lance Stevens, Korie Cravins, Katie Winningham, Jennifer Franklin, and Kim Matthews**; and

WHEREAS, **Principal Gary Beaty** has been very supportive of the team and the athletic program; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate this outstanding team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and salute Coach Eddie Linder and the 1998-99 Livingston High

School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA state championship and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final resolving clause deleted from those copies.